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SUBJECT: U.S. ROMANIAN PROTOCOLS ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND  
COOPERATION

REF: BUCHAREST 7062

1. OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DELEGATES OF USDA AND ROMANIA  
WERE HELD DEC 6 AT THE DEPT OF AGRICULTURE. HERA AND OLTEANU  
WERE ACCOMPANIED BY ICHIM, COMMERCIAL OFFICE NY AND PETRESCU,  
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ROMANIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, DC. THE US SIDE WAS CHAIRED BY  
GORDON FRASER, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, FAS.

2. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE KEYED TO THE EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFOR-  
MATION AND PROPOSALS FOR IMPLEMENTING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNO-  
LOGICAL PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION. A SPECIFIC LIST OF SIGNIFICANT

AGRICULTURAL DATA WITH PROPOSED DATES OF AVAILABILITY TO THE US WAS SUBMITTED TO THE US SIDE. THE DATA EXCHANGE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE UPCOMING YEAR. THE AGREED EXCHANGE INCLUDED DATA ON AREA, YIELD AND PRODUCTION OF MAJOR CROPS, LIVESTOCK NUMBERS, PRODUCTION DATA FOR MEAT AND POULTRY PRODUCTS, FOREIGN TRADE DATA, FEED UTILIZATION DATA, AND SUPPLY BALANCES FOR PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE EXCHANGES UNDER MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN IOWA STATE AND NEBRASKA UNIVERSITIES, USDA PROPOSED AN EXPANSION OF COOPERATION PROJECTS ON SUNFLOWERSEED AND CORN. THE ROMANIANS PROPOSED A PROJECT ON HYBRID HOGS.

4. USDA ALSO INTRODUCED POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION WITH US AGRICULTURAL COOPERATORS--US FEED GRAIN COUNCIL, AMERICAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION, HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION, AND AMERICAN SEED TRADE ASSOCIATION.

5. IN REVIEWING CCC CREDITS USDA EXPLAINED THAT THE RECENT REMOVAL OF ELIGIBILITY OF SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN MEAL FOR EXPORT FINANCING APPLIED TO ALL NATIONS ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. USDA ALSO INDICATED THAT THERE WERE NO FORESEEABLE PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE APPLICATION OF CREDITS FOR SORGHUM.

6. USDA WILL INITIATE A BEGINNING EXCHANGE OF PUBLICATIONS ON A SELECT BASIS AND THE ROMANIAN SIDE AGREED TO SEND SELECT STATISTICAL MATERIAL TO WASHINGTON. THE EXCHANGE WILL BE FACILITATED BY REGULAR MEETINGS IN BUCHAREST WITH THE REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE AND IN WASHINGTON WITH ROMANIAN EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

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7. AGREED MINUTES OF DEC 6 MEETING BEING POUCHED TO BUCHAREST (FOR SCISSORS) AND BELGRADE (FOR SVEC).

8. REGARDING SPECIFIC QUESTION PARA 1 REFTTEL, USDA DOES NOT CONSIDER DATA SUPPLIED WITH ROMANIAN CCC REQUEST AS COMPLIANCE WITH DATA EXCHANGE COMMITMENT. USDA APPRECIATES EMB'S CONTINUING SUPPORT IN PRESSING ROMANIANS TO IMPLEMENT PROTOCOL ON AGRICULTURAL TRADE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FORTHCOMING POSTURE OF OLTEANU AND HERA AT DEC 6 MEETINGS, WHICH WAS FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR USDA TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL WITH GOR ITS SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUESTS, USDA DISPOSED TO GIVE ROMANIANS OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL THEIR PROMISE MADE DURING DEC 6 MEETINGS TO MOVE AHEAD IN THIS AREA. EXPECT FINAL DETAILS WILL BE WORKED OUT AT SPRING MEETING OF WORKING GROUP. IN MEANTIME, ANY DATA SUBMISSIONS FROM GOR ON BASIS THEIR LIST WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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